

MRS. BLACKWELL'S SEARCH.

MISS JACKMAN'S LOVER.
He Asks Her With His Attentions, and Finally Wins One of Her Friends.

Mrs. Story of Her Husband's Desertion and of the Ingratitude of the Woman Whom She Has Taken Into Her House—The Chance that Ended Her Waiting.

A woman past middle age and dressed in mourning entered Police Headquarters late yesterday afternoon and asked to be directed to the Health Department. Her form was bent, and she walked with difficulty as an attendant ushered her into Chief Clerk Golderman's office. She walked slowly to his desk and said:

"I want my boy."

She was Mrs. Elizabeth Blackwell. For the past week she says she has lived on the top floor of a Mulberry street tenement house. She has been searching for her son for more than twenty-eight years, and has found him at last in the Ward's Island Insane Asylum. Her story as she told it last evening is this:

In 1852 she married Edward Blackwell, a prosperous truck owner in this city. She was then 20 years of age. The young couple moved into a house in Elm street, near Centre. In the neighborhood, homeless and friendless, was a young woman named Elizabeth White. Mrs. Blackwell believed that it was not too late to make a good woman of her, and took her as a servant. For six years the Blackwells lived happily together. The neighbors talked of the suspiciously warm friendship Mr. Blackwell and the young girl professed for each other, but Mrs. Blackwell believed in her husband. In 1859 a son was born to Mrs. Blackwell. It was her only child. Two years later she was taken ill, and Mr. Blackwell and Elizabeth White advised her to seek rest and recreation in the country. Yielding to their wishes, Mrs. Blackwell left her son in the care of Dr. Golderman, and held trial by Justice Connelly.

Florentines in Convention.

The opening session of the first national convention of public school and church choirs of education was held yesterday afternoon at Columbia College. About 200 choirmen from different States were present, all were women. Bishop Potter made the opening address.

News of the Board of Education delivered an address of welcome. There are to be papers by well-known choirmen, seasonal songs are to be devoted to voice culture, and the singing of patriotic songs.

At the final session on Saturday subjects that may be suggested during the week are to be discussed.

Small-Pox in Mexico.

CITY OF MEXICO, June 27.—The rainy season has opened here and has brought with it a spasmodic of small-pox. In the district of Saltopeca the malady is spreading alarmingly among children, and twenty deaths from that cause were reported to the health officer yesterday. There are fully 200 cases in this city, and again she watched the New York newspapers and in 1867 she read of the death of her husband. She then began to search for him, and took up the search. For months she watched and searched, but her labors were fruitless, and again she went back to New York.

In the five years she received no tidings from her husband. Then she came back to New York to begin the search anew. She sought him in every part of the city, and son, and returned to Pennsylvania alone. There she watched the New York newspapers and in 1867 she read of the death of her husband. She then began to search for him, and took up the search. For months she watched and searched, but her labors were fruitless, and again she went back to New York.

Again she waited a few days, and then she was reading a New York newspaper when her eyes fell on the death notice of Elizabeth White, her old sweetheart. She hurried home, told her that Mr. Blackwell had got rich, and that Elizabeth White had got his money through the son. She says she asked for her boy, and he was given her. She then went to Ward's Island, where she saw General Superintendent McDonald and Medical Superintendent William Austin, to whom she told her story.

Dr. Austin looked over the list of inmates and said:

"Edward Blackwell is here, but his mother gave him to us. Are you not mistaken?"

"It is not my boy will know me," she said.

She says that her son was brought into the reception room, and she demanded possession of him. When she said she wanted him, and asked where to go for one, she was sent to the Health Department.

At 12 o'clock on East Sixteenth street last night, both the householders of the house, which is a six-story tenement, and the landlord, Rosenberg, a cigar manufacturer, say that Mrs. Blackwell, a widow, who lived on the second floor fronted. She had a stepson in the Insane Asylum at Ward's Island, and he was Edward Blackwell, and that he is 22 years old.

Clerk Golderman promised to aid Mrs. Blackwell in her efforts to get her son back, and left the office in the coach in which he had been christened, and get a copy of my records existing there. She will then take the proper steps to establish her own identity before leaving the Golderman office. Mrs. Blackwell well assured that she feared her son had been put in the asylum, that the White woman might get the money left by Mr. Blackwell.

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